

REMARKS

The indication that claims 43 and 45-54 have been allowed and that claim 89 includes patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of allowable claim 89 has been added to claim 86 to place claim 86 in condition for allowance.

Claims 86 and 88 were rejected as unpatentable over TSUKAMOTO 5,841,194 in view of PAPAGEORGE et al. 5,438,224 and MAENO et al. 6,222,738 and claim 87 was rejected further in view of KRESGE et al. 6,066,808. Claim 86 has been amended to include subject matter indicated to be allowable and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

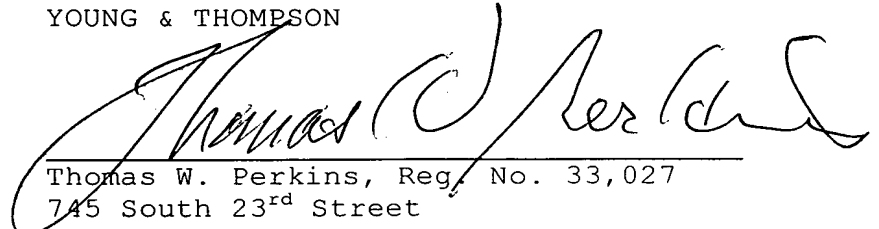
In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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